

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1108

AN ACT

To establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “225th Anniversary of
5 the American Revolution Commemoration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the American Revolution, inspired by the
4 spirit of liberty and independence among the inhab-
5 itants of the original 13 English colonies, was an
6 event of global significance having a profound and
7 lasting effect on the government, laws, culture, soci-
8 ety, and values of the United States;

9 (2) the years 2000 through 2008 mark the
10 225th anniversary of the American Revolution;

11 (3) citizens of the United States should have an
12 opportunity to understand and appreciate the con-
13 tinuing legacy of the American Revolution;

14 (4) the 225th anniversary of the American Rev-
15 olution provides an opportunity to enhance public
16 awareness and understanding of the impact of the
17 American Revolution on the lives of citizens of the
18 United States;

19 (5) although the National Park Service admin-
20 isters battlefields, historical parks, historic sites, and
21 programs that address elements of the story of the
22 American Revolution, there is a need to establish
23 partnerships that link those sites and programs with
24 sites and programs of other Federal and non-Fed-
25 eral entities to place the story of the American Revo-
26 lution in the broad context of the causes, con-

1 sequences, and significance of the American Revolu-
2 tion; and

3 (6) a national program of the National Park
4 Service that links historic structures and sites,
5 routes, activities, community projects, exhibits, and
6 multimedia materials in a manner that is unified
7 and flexible is the best method of conveying to citi-
8 zens of the United States the story and significance
9 of the American Revolution.

10 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

11 (1) to recognize the enduring importance of the
12 American Revolution to the lives of citizens of the
13 United States; and

14 (2) to authorize the National Park Service to
15 coordinate, connect, and facilitate Federal and non-
16 Federal activities to commemorate, honor, and inter-
17 pret the history of the American Revolution, includ-
18 ing the significance and relevance of the American
19 Revolution to the shape and spirit of the Govern-
20 ment and society of the United States.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act:

23 (1) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
24 the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution

1 Commemoration Program established under section
2 4(a).

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 **SEC. 4. 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLU-**
6 **TION COMMEMORATION PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
8 within the National Park Service a program to be known
9 as the “225th Anniversary of the American Revolution
10 Commemoration Program”.

11 (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the program, the
12 Secretary shall—

13 (1) produce and distribute to the public edu-
14 cational materials relating to the American Revolu-
15 tion, such as—

16 (A) handbooks;

17 (B) maps;

18 (C) interpretive guides; and

19 (D) electronic information;

20 (2) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
21 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
22 technical assistance under subsection (d);

23 (3) assist in the protection of resources associ-
24 ated with the American Revolution;

1 (4) enhance communications, connections, and
2 collaboration among units and programs of the Na-
3 tional Park Service relating to the American Revolu-
4 tion;

5 (5) expand the research base for interpretation
6 of and education on the American Revolution; and

7 (6)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform
8 symbol or device for the theme “Lighting Freedom’s
9 Flame: American Revolution, 225th Anniversary”;
10 and

11 (B) promulgate regulations for the use of the
12 symbol or device.

13 (c) COMPONENTS.—The Program shall include—

14 (1) units and programs of the National Park
15 Service relevant to the American Revolution, as de-
16 termined by the Secretary;

17 (2) other governmental and nongovernmental—

18 (A) sites and facilities that are documented
19 to be directly related to the American Revolu-
20 tion; and

21 (B) programs of an educational, research,
22 or interpretive nature relating to the American
23 Revolution; and

1 (3) through the Secretary of State, the partici-
 2 pation of the Governments of the United Kingdom,
 3 France, the Netherlands, Spain, and Canada.

4 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA
 5 OF UNDERSTANDING.—To achieve the purposes of this
 6 Act and to ensure the effective coordination of the Federal
 7 and non-Federal components of the Program with Na-
 8 tional Park Service units and programs, the Secretary
 9 may enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of
 10 understanding with, and provide technical assistance to—

11 (1) the heads of other Federal agencies, States,
 12 units of local government, and private entities; and

13 (2) in cooperation with the Secretary of State,
 14 the Governments of the United Kingdom, France,
 15 the Netherlands, Spain, and Canada.

16 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 17 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
 18 out this Act \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2004
 19 through 2009.

Passed the Senate April 7, 2004.

Attest:

Secretary.

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